

## **ABSTRACT**

A robust information processing apparatus that prevents damage to an executable program for an OS due to an unintended operation by a user is provided. The apparatus includes an external storage device having a normal partition that can be referred to by a user and a hidden partition storing an executable program for an operating system and hidden from the user, a reading portion that reads the executable program for the operating system from the hidden partition to a main storage unit, and an execution portion that executes the operating system read into the main storage unit.